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August 17, 2011

Federal Communications Commission c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As the mayor of one of the finest places in the world, I have the tremendous honor and responsibility of overseeing the community of Quitman, Mississippi, and leading it into a brighter and more prosperous future. Part of this responsibility includes advocating policies that will ensure a better quality of life for all Quitman residents. I believe that the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile will be very positive for my community and similar ones around the country.

Our school system will benefit from this merger, and I believe advancements in technology will only improve the educational experience that we provide. Expanded wireless networks will go a long way towards improving the learning tools and resources we can offer our students and teachers. With approval of this merger, AT&T and T-Mobile's combined network would reach close to an additional 55 million more Americans than planned with its 4G LTE mobile technology.

In order for our economy to develop and our businesses to prosper, Quitman needs this wireless technology and only AT&T and T-Mobile have a timely plan to deliver.

Thank you

Mayor Eddie Fulton

Quitman, Mississippi